

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. B-4304  
Magi No.  
DOE yes no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Building No. 306

and/or common U.S. Army Crime Records Center

**2. Location**

street & number 2301 Cheaspeake Avenue: Building No. 306 not for publication

city, town Baltimore vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county City of Baltimore

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Department of Defense; U.S. Army

street & number Attn: AFKA-21-EH-D telephone no.: 301-677-2180

city, town Fort Meade state and zip code Md. 20755-5115

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber

street & number NOT APPLICABLE folio

city, town state

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title Architectural & Archaeological Investigations-Base Closure Activity

date May 18, 1990 ☒ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

city, town Baltimore District state Maryland

## 7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☒

deteriorated  
ruins  
unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered  
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Building No. 306 is unoccupied and in poor condition, its use limited to non-essential or temporary storage by the Crime Records Center. Erected in September 1942 at a cost of \$54,810 as a storage warehouse, the building was converted to general classroom use in the mid-1960's and used for that purpose until it was abandoned. The building is one story in height, rectangular in plan measuring 240 feet by 76 feet. The interior was originally an open clear span covered with a shallowly pitched gable roof. The structural system consists of regularly spaced wood columns and beams at the building's perimeter supporting the connected wood roof trusses. The building has a concrete foundation and a poured concrete floor slab. Set between the columns around the perimeter of the building were sets of three wood framed eight over eight double hung sash windows. The exterior is currently covered with a combination of corrugated metal siding and asbestos panels.

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates September 1942 Builder/Architect Corps of Engineers

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Building No.306, is an example of standardized military construction, designed to meet the mobilization needs of the country.

The Corps of Engineers, with the aid of nationally recognized architectural firms, had begun developing new standardized construction plans which would allow the military to reproduce similar buildings throughout the country. A standardized system of construction had been successfully applied during the building of cantonments during the First World War. So successful had the system proven that in the decades between the wars the Quartermaster Corps had continued to develop, maintain, and update sets of standard drawings which could be brought in to use as the need arose. Standardization was also critical in the materials battle, for lumber could be pre-cut, reducing waste, hardware could be assembled and the building could be shipped to the site ready for construction. The construction process would be expedited and would require less skilled labor.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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National Archives Record Group 77, Office of Chief Engineers  
National Archives Record Group 92, Office of Quartermaster General  
Real Property Records, Fort Holabird, Maryland (On file DEH, Ft. Meade, M)

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property SevenQuadrangle name Baltimore, EastQuadrangle scale 1:24000 ft.

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Building is located at the confluence of Colgate Creek and the Patapoco River, adjacent to the City of Baltimore and Baltimore County line.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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## Demolished

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Fort Holabird Bldg No. 306 (US. Army Crime Records Center)

2301 Chesapeake Avenue, Building No. 306

Block 6923 Lot 011

Baltimore City

Baltimore East Quad.

